

# ENVIRONMENTAL TECHNICAL ADVISORY COMMITTEE SPECIAL MEETING JANUARY 9, 2020

#### **MINUTES**

Call to Order at 3:06 PM.

Member Attendees: Casey Schmidt, Charlie Kratzer, Karl Shearer, Steve Saepoff, Melanie Keenan (on phone), Jane Hannuksela

Members Absent: Dylan Frazer, Michelle McClure, Juan Rovalo

Council Liaison: Rasham Nassar

Guest: Christian Berg

Minutes from January 9th, 2020 meeting approved.

### **Council Liaison Report**

- There is not a lot of new ETAC-related items to report.
- The Climate Action Committee is developing a climate action plan. They conducted an emissions survey. There is a target reduction of emissions by ~90% for COBI.
- Suzuki: Consensus to honor ecological survey, highlight some environmental goals for the property, potentially submit a new RFP.
  - Rasham will advocate we review the proposal.
  - Development of too many units will damage wildlife corridor.
  - Balanced approach moving forward.

## Chair Report on Activities since October 17th, 2019 meeting

- Hydrogeologist position will be re-advertised.
- The BI Review article on groundwater hydrology was discussed including the many errors in the article. It was agreed that ETAC should focus on the groundwater fact sheet.
- The chair discussed an upcoming presentation to the Bainbridge Island Woman's Club
  - The presentation will focus on stream discharge reductions from groundwater consumption.
  - Focus on reductions in recharge due to impervious surfaces.
  - Recharge is more important than pumping.
  - Talked about 2020 work plan, should we present the PowerPoint at council.
  - Talked about announcing the fact sheet in COBI Connect Newsletter.

### **HMP Review of Antibes Project**

- The HMP sub-committee's evaluation was discussed in this meeting.
- The sub-committee generally agreed that the plan was adequate with the following exceptions.
  - There was a discussion of climate change impacts on the shoreline and increased sea level. It was suggested that we look at the elevations more closely.
  - The appropriateness of the vegetation was questioned. There was concern whether ferns were appropriate for stabilizing the banks.
  - It was agreed that we would develop a joint comment for the next meeting to be voted on.



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The content of the BIWC presentation was approved by a unanimous vote. This vote covers the presentation contents, but not necessarily the chair's comments in a question and answer session because these are impossible for ETAC to review.

It was discussed that we should invite Jason Flowers to next meeting to discuss the wastewater treatment project.

The 2019 Activities and 2020 Workplan were approved by a unanimous vote.

There was a discussion on the possibility of changing the meeting time to the evening.

Meeting adjourned at 4:34 PM.

Charlie Kratzer, Chair